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1. On 9 October 1951, about 30 Soviet engineer troops wearing rubber suits were seen attaching elongated charges on the pier of the Saale River bridge at Altenburg, on the road to Obermoellern. The charges were affixed at water level and connected by wires with truck [redacted] which was about 100 meters from the bridge. (1) 25X1C

2. During a political meeting of the National Front chapter in Hoyerswerda on 10 October, it was announced that the military maneuvers scheduled to be held in Kreis Hoyerswerda had been canceled. (2)

3. A road march of 26 tanks and 3 trucks, including [redacted] from [redacted] the Zeithain (N 52/E 81) troop training grounds via Groeditz, about 12 km southwest of Hohenleipisch, Nauwalde, Kroebe, Fichtenberg, Jakobsthal and back to Zeithain was observed during the night of 11 October. All vehicles drove without lights. (3) 25X1C

4. A train of 18 flatcars and 1 coach of the 11th Locomotive Brigade was sidetracked at the Muhlend railroad station on 14 October. The train carried 100 to 120 troops wearing coveralls, eight canvas-covered tanks, and trucks [redacted] 25X1C

(4) Another train which was observed near Falkenberg [redacted] about 1 p.m. also on 14 October, consisted of 2 converted boxcars and 18 flatcars carrying trucks [redacted] and T-34 tanks [redacted] 25X1C

(5) [redacted] 25X1A

5. Fifteen artillery pieces of about 50-mm, 10 model BA-64 armored scout cars, 10 half-track vehicles and 3 trucks, including [redacted] were loaded on a train at the Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) railroad station on 9 October. Ten closed boxcars were also observed with that train. (6) Fifteen artillery pieces of about 120-mm and truck [redacted] were entrained at Koenigsbrueck on 14 October. (7) 25X1C

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Comments.

(1) [redacted] the engineer unit was a component of the unidentified engineer battalion of the 57th Gds Itz rifle Div from Naumburg.

(2) Same source learned from farmers of Weisskolben, Neustadt and Prochlen in Kreis Hoyerswerda that the fields were to be harvested by 2 October and would then be placed off limits until 15 October 1951. [redacted] It was therefore assumed that the 9th Lecz Div would conduct field exercises on their way from the Weisswasser troop training grounds to their home stations during that period. The 25X1A

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present report indicates that these field exercises were canceled for an undetermined reason.

- 25X1C (3) [REDACTED] the truck column belongs to the 9th Tank Div.
- (4) The train at Ruhland carried a component of the 11th Gds Tank Div. Most of its elements were at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds in the summer of 1951. The unit on the train was probably a tank company of the division which returned from Letzling Heath, where it had been detached. Vehicles of [REDACTED] pertaining to this division were identified at Letzling Heath in August 1951. [REDACTED] another tank company had been detrained at Letzling Heath at 8 September 1951. [REDACTED] 25X1A
- 25X1C (5) [REDACTED] the train at Falkenberg carried a component of the 9th Tank Div. The [REDACTED] is probably assigned to the 95th Tank Regt from Meissen. [REDACTED] 25X1A 25X1C
- 25X1C (6) The [REDACTED] belongs to the 8th Gds Necz Div and the [REDACTED] to the 9th Tank Div. Since it is unlikely that components of the two divisions should have been collectively entrained at Koenigsbrueck, and since the [REDACTED] 25X1C
- 25X1C [REDACTED] has been repeatedly reported in conjunction with artillery, it is believed that vehicle [REDACTED] another source reported that, on the same day, two troop trains left Schwebnitz and Koenigsbrueck for Oschatz, a post of the 9th Tank Div. See [REDACTED] 25X1A
- It is therefore believed that the components of the division started returning to their home stations in early October 1951.
- (7) The truck belongs to the 8th Gds Necz Div. It is therefore inferred that this division started returning to its home stations from Koenigsbrueck in the middle of October 1951.

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